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NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT
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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated March 29, 2004 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting Claims 1-15 in the above-identified patent application.

Authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account 50-0510 in the amount of \$330.00, for filing a Notice of Appeal in accordance with 37 CFR 1.17(e).

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required additional fee, and charge back any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0510. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

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